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FORMOSAN ABORIGINES.

About the middle of last month, the Governor of Formosa ordered sweeping operations to be commenced against the Torok tribe of aborigines who recently committed atrocities upon the Chinese. The Torok tribe is subdivided into the Torowan, Sadoh, Pahu and Piyay tribes, and they have been considered the most ferocious of all the aborigines in the Northern districts. Their population is about 800, and they live in houses built on the slopes of precipitous mountains, thus affording good positions for defence.

The commandant of the troops sent for the chief of tribe before commencing operations. This measure was taken in order to urge the tribe to surrender arms and come under Japanese rule. The chief is said to have refused to come to the rendezvous.

On the 17th ult., the sweeping operations commenced and the commandant of the troops reported to the Governor that at 7 a.m. he fired guns from the forts surrounding the village of the aborigines. One of the shots made its way to a godown belonging to the Pahu tribe and destroyed it.

The return of the health of the British Navy for the China Station shows that the squadron employed on the Station during 1900 consisted of 25 vessels—namely, 6 cruisers, 3 gunboats, 2 sloops, 10 river steamers, 1 despatch vessel, 1 surveying vessel, and 1 receiving ship. In addition to the above, the staffs of the Naval Hospitals at Hongkong, Yokohama, and (Wei-hai-wei), and of the Naval establishments on shore at the last-named place, are included in these returns. The returns from all ships and establishments were for the whole year. The main force, corrected for time, was 5,220 and the number of cases of disease and injury entered on the sick list during the year was 3,756, which gives a ratio of 719.54 per 1000, a decrease of no less than 142.87 in comparison with the average ratio for the last five years. The number invalided was 91 giving a ratio of 17.43 per 1000, a decrease of 5.2, as compared with the average ratio of the five preceding years. There were 25 deaths, giving a ratio per 1,000 of 4.78, an increase of 82 on the average for the last five years. The average number of men sick daily from disease and injury was 146.64, giving a ratio of 28.69 per 1,000, a decrease of 1.44 on the average. The return generally shows a satisfactory state of affairs, and the decrease in the case of ratio is a very striking one. To a great extent the decrease results from a reduction in the number of cases classed under the heading "Diseases of the digestive system," "Diseases of the connective tissue and skin," and "Injuries." The comparatively large number of deaths is not so satisfactory, but a very large proportion of the total resulted from unavoidable injuries incidental to naval life.

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(1.)—That Article No. 70 of the Articles
of Association of the Company, which now
reads:—

"The Directors shall have power from
time to time and at any time to appoint
any other persons to be Directors, but
so that the total number of Directors
shall not at any time exceed seven and
so that no appointment under this
clause shall have effect unless it is
made at least of the Directors concur
therein"

be amended by eliminating the word
"seven" in the third line of such Article
and by substituting the word "five"
therefor, and also by eliminating the words
"two-thirds at least" in the fourth line
of such Article and by substituting the words
"a majority" therefor.

(2.)—That Article No. 72 of the Articles
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"Five per cent. of the net profits of the
Company for each year provided that
such profits shall be at least 10 per cent.
of the capital of the Company and such
remuneration shall be divided among
them in such proportions and manner
as the Directors may determine and in
default equally"

be amended by eliminating therefrom the
words "provided that such profits
amount to Seven per cent. of the capital
of the Company" in the third and fourth
lines thereof and by substituting in lieu
thereof the words:—

"provided that such commission shall
not in any one year exceed the sum of
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(3.)—That Article No. 82 of the Articles
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"The remuneration of the General
Managers shall be fixed by the Directors
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MOMENTOUS DECISIONS.

Proceeding from Heb. XII 22-23 at
Wesleyan Church, Wanchai, on Sunday
evening, the Rev. C. Bone said:—There
are times in the lives of most men when
they hesitate, look back, and wonder if
they have done the right thing. I once
heard a man say, "When I have decided
on a course I never recall the facts. I let
the matter pass from my mind." There
are few like this. There are men, who,
after a choice of profession, at times ask
themselves if they had chosen wisely.
Had they done something else, things
would have been better. The history of
missions even to-day reveals instances
where whole communities who have re-
jected idolatry, at times hesitate, and seem
half inclined to return. Such, apparently,
were the Hebrews, to whom our epistle
was written. They had taken a big step.
They had exchanged the law for the gospel;
they ark for the cross; their great lawgiver,
Moses, for a Crucified Redeemer, Christ.
Had they done rightly?

There are two ways of correcting people.
One method suggests threats. Few of us
are immune from fear. It wraps us at times
like a cold fog. The writer uses threats.
"How shall we escape if we neglect so
great salvation?" Esau "found no place
for repentance, though he sought it care-
fully with tears." "It is a fearful thing to
fall into the hands of the living God."

The second method is encouragement.
This also is adopted. "Seeing we are
compassed about with so great cloud of
witnesses," let us lay aside every weight.
"Ye are come unto mount Zion, the city
of the living God, &c." My text is in-
volved, and we must unravel it; its transla-
tion is uncertain; we will revise it.

"Ye are come unto mount Zion." The
Jews loved their hold city more than
Londoners love the metropolis of the
British empire. They adored its hills, the
city, its homes. "Walk about Zion, go
round about her; tell the towers thereof;
mark well her bulwarks; consider her
palaces." What the sun is in the sky
amongst the other lights of heaven, so was
their city compared with other cities.
But its walls had crumbled, beneath the
weight of Roman battering-rams. Its
temple and its palaces had been enveloped
with flames, and their gilded ceilings and
many roofs had fallen amid clouds of
smoke, sparks and dust. There was, there-
fore, the ideal of another heavenly
Jerusalem held out before them. "whose
builder and maker was God." By how
much the heavens are higher than the
earth, by so much is the new city better
than the old, and, therefore, they must
turn their faces towards it, and not waver.

"Unto an innumerable company of an-
gels." Here we pause a moment, and take
the text to pieces to reconstruct it. Its
full and beautiful meaning will then appear.
The word "innumerable" stands at the
head of the sentence, and is not an ad-
jective but a noun. It means "myriads"
countless number. This, then, is the
word which embraces all those beings which
are mentioned afterwards, and is standing
at the head of the sentence as all-embracing.
Who then are they? "A company of an-
gels." Really a festive gathering of angels.
We are not told here whether they are
many or few. The thing emphasized is
that they are a "festive gathering." In the
Old Testament angels are often employed
by God as messengers of justice. They
drove the first man and woman out of
Paradise; they announced the overthrow
of Sodom; an angel had to do with the
slaughter of the first-born in Egypt. Now,
however, they stand on mount Zion a
festive gathering. Their hearts are full of
song; their hands touch their harps. Why
is this? They have now to do with man's
salvation. That is why. "Who can de-
scribe the joys that rise through all the
courts of Paradise to see a prodigal return,
to see an heir of glory born?" There is
joy in the presence of the angels of God
over one sinner that repenteth.

"And to the general assembly of the
church of the first-born that is written in
heaven." The words "general assembly"
must be omitted. Then the text runs:
"To the church of the first-born that is
written in heaven." Who are these? Many
and various are the ideas suggested here.
It is perhaps difficult to dogmatize. But
when some say that the words refer to the
martyrs, saints, &c. I hesitate to accept this.
We must remember that we are
dealing with a Hebrew writer, and his
imagery is Jewish. This hint will perhaps
assist us. The first-born was the un-
numbered number of the family, it is true, &c.

He was the priest of the house. He took
precedence of all the other children, in-
herited the birthright and received a larger
share of the inheritance than the other
children. Is not this the predominant
idea here? The Christians were in their
relation to God as first-born children. They
were still on earth, and formed a part
of the Christian Church, but their names were
written in heaven, and their home and
heritage were there. If we have read
these words aright, then they hold out
a great ideal to all Christians. They
as God's adopted children, but all stand to
him in regard to their inheritance, as
"first-born." They shall receive a double
portion. Therefore, let them not be de-
pressed and let them not be discouraged.

"And to God the judge of all." God
is the builder and maker of this new city.
His name is therefore introduced here,
standing between the church on earth and
the church in heaven. A moment's thought
will see the fitness of this. God says
who shall enter that city and who shall be
excluded. Governments enact laws to
excluded aliens from their shores. How
much more shall it be right that God shall
say who shall find a home within the walls
of the heavenly Jerusalem. We are not
admitted therein by the suffrages of our
fellows. Our own judgment on our lives
will avail us nothing here. Our own
opinions of the excellence of our lives will
not affect the question. We may be right
or we may be wrong. But the decision
lies not with us, with our ministers, our
priests, but with God alone. He is the
judge of all. Let us take care. Re-
member "there shall in no wise enter into
it anything that defileth, neither what-
soever worketh an abomination, or maketh
a lie, but they which are written in the
Lamb's book of life."

"And unto the spirits of the just made
perfect." We have risen now and stand within
the walls of the city. We have trodden
the glittering slopes that lead
thither; we have passed under the walls
of Japan; we have entered through the
pearly gates; we stand with its precious
and behold the "spirits of the just made
perfect." What a countless company! Re-
member it is a vision "of the spirits of the
just made perfect." The writer looks
back over the past and sees the gathered
spirits from righteous Abel till his own day.
The souls of the list of heroes in the XI
chapter are there, God's roll-call brings
together the spirits of the just. He no
doubt. And here they are "made per-
fect." This perfection I regard as relative
and not absolute. Sin no longer smirches
their spotless robes. No ignorance, will
evermore darken the vision of the Eternal.
No weakness will ever again depress their
spirits, or make their feet leaden in their
movements for service. No jar of discord
will ever again mar the harmony of the
celestial song. But absolute perfection can
only be looked for after the resurrection,
and the final judgement, when in another
sense the spirits will be made perfect. But
even now the vision is one of beauty.

"More than conquerors at last
Here they find their trials o'er
They have all their sufferings past
Hunger now and thirst no more."

"That great host is far vaster to-day.
What a vision! This spirit of the
angels and the martyrs are there, the
spirits of the saints and the sufferers are
there; your friends and mine are there;
many of us are following on in the train of
those who have gone before. "Part of
the host have crossed the flood and part
are crossing now." "Who will join our
ranks? What has Earth to compare with
this. But let not him "that worketh an
abomination, or maketh a lie" think that
he has any chance."

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PRICES.

Corrected to Thursday, January 5th, 1911.
At 100 cents per Dollar Mexican.

Butcher Meat.

Best Sirloin & Prime Cut—Mei Lung Pa	lb	20	尾龍
" Corned—Ham Ngau Yuk	"	22	鹹牛
" Roast,—Shia "	"	23	燒牛
" Breast,—Ngau Lam "	"	16	牛腩
" Soup,—Tong Yuk "	"	20	湯肉
" Steak,—Ngan Yuk Pa	"	22	牛肉
" " Sirloin Cotelet—Ngau Lau	"	3	牛柳
" Sausages,—Ngau Chung	"	26	牛腸
" " Know ... per set	"	9	牛油
Bullock's Brains—	each	60	牛腦
" Tongue fresh,—Ngau Li	"	60	鹹牛
" " corned—Ham Ngau Li	"	85	牛頭
" Head,—Ngau Tau	"	1b 12	牛心
" Heart,—Ngau Sam	"	18	牛眉
" Hump, Salt—Ngau Kin	"	8	牛腩
" Feet,—Ngau Kark	each	9	牛腰
" Kidneys,—Ngau Yiu	"	18	牛屨
" Tail—Ngau Mei	"	1b 12	牛肝
" Liver,—Ngau Kon	"	6	牛肚
" Tripe (undressed)—Ngau To	"	6	牛吞
Calfs Head & Feet,—Ngau-chai-to Kwat	set	\$14	羊牌
Mutton Chop,—Young Pei Kwat	lb	22	羊牌
" Leg,—Young Pei	"	22	羊比
" Shoulder,—Young Shau	"	20	羊手
Pigs Chillings—Chu Cheong	"	22	豬腩
" Brains—Chu Know ... per set	"	24	豬腮
" Feet,—Chu Kark	"	1b 12	豬腿
" Fry,—Chu Chak	"	25	豬雜
" Head,—Chu Tau	"	15	豬可
" Heart,—Chu Sum	each	13	豬心
" Kidneys,—Chu Yiu	"	9	豬腰
" Liver,—Chu Con	"	1b 30	豬肝
Pork, Chop,—Chu Pai Kwat	"	20	豬扒
" Corned,—Ham Chu Yuk	"	29	鹹猪
" Leg,—Chu Pei	"	24	此猪
" Fat or Lard,—Chu Yau	"	15	猪油
Sheeps' Head and Feet,—Young Tau Kark	set	50	羊可
" Heart,—Young Sum	each	6	羊心
" Kidneys,—Young Yiu	"	9	羊腰
" Liver,—Young Con	"	1b 24	羊肝
Sucking Pigs, To Orlean—Chu Chai	"	22	猪仔
Suet, Beef—Sang Ngau Yau	"	20	生牛油
" Mutton,—Sang Yeung Yau	"	22	生羊
Veal,—Ngau Chai Luk	"	20	牛仔
" Sausages,—Ngau Chai Chung	"	20	牛仔

Poultry.

Chicken, — Kai Chai	...	lb	28	雞仔
Capons, Large, Small, — Sin Kai	...	...	30	雞鴨
Ducks, — Ap	...	...	22	鴨
Doves, — Pan Kau	...	each	18	斑鳩
Eggs, Hen, — Kai Tan	...	per doz	24	雞蛋
Fowls, Canton, — Kai	...	lb	30	雞
Hainan, — Hoi Nam Kai	...	...	28	海南雞
Geese, — Ngoi	...	...	22	鴨
Geese, Wild Shai, — Shang-hoi Yea Ngoi	pair	75		上海野鴨
Musk Deer, — Wong Keng	...	each	\$4.00	黃鹿
Hare, Shanghai, — Tui Chai	...	...	10	兔仔
Partridge, — Che Khoo	...	...	55	野鴨
Pheasant, — Shen Rai	...	pair	\$1.40	山雞
Pigeons, Canton, — Pak Kup	...	each	32	白鴿
Hohlow, — Hoi Hw Pak Kup	...	...	25	海口白鴿
Quail, — Um Chun	...	...	14	刺鴿
Rice Birds, — Wo Fa Cheuk	...	dozen	—	禾花雀
Snipe, — Sa Choy	...	each	22	沙鴨
Turkeys, Cock, — Phor Kai Kung	...	...	60	火雞
Hen, — Na	...	...	45	火雞
Wild Ducks, Shai, — Shanghai Sui Ap	pair	\$1.20		上海水鴨
Toat, — Sui Ap Chai	...	...	50	水鴨
Wild Ducks, Canton, — Shang-hoi Sui Ap	...	...	95	省城水鴨

Fish

Barbel, —Ka Yu	...	...	lb	10	加魚
Bream, —Bin Yu	...	...	...	15	鯰魚
Canton Fresh Water Fish, —Hoi Sin Yu	...	...	...	15	海魚
Carp, —Li Yu	...	...	...	18	鯉魚
Catfish, —Chik Yu	...	...	...	16	赤魚
Codfish, —Mun Yu	...	...	...	18	鱈魚
Crabs, —Hoi	...	...	...	20	蟹
Cuttle Fish, —Muk Yu	...	...	...	15	魚
Dab, —So Mang Yu	...	...	...	15	魚
Dact, —Wong Mei Lun	...	...	...	11	豆魚
Dog Fish, —Tit Yu Sa	...	...	...	8	跌水
Eels, Congor, —Hoi Mann	...	...	...	10	魚
" Fresh water, —Tsin Shu Yu	...	...	...	15	淡水魚
Eels, Yellow, —Wong Sin	...	...	...	24	黃田魚
Frogs, —Tien Kai	...	...	...	28	石蛙
Garoupa, —Sek Fan	...	...	...	62	白蛇
Gudgeon, —Pak Kup Yu	...	...	...	11	曹魴
Herrings, —Tao Pak	...	...	...	18	鱈
Halibut, —Cheung Kwan Ey	...	...	...	28	鱈
Labrus, —Wong Fa Yu	...	...	...	17	魚
Loach, —Wu Yu	...	...	...	28	烏龍
Lobsters, —Lung Ha	...	...	...	20	龍蝦
Mackerel, —Chi Yu	...	...	...	18	巴魴
Monk Fish, —Mong Yu	...	...	...	18	魴
Mullet, —Chui Yu	...	...	...	20	魴
Oysters, —Sang Hoo	...	...	...	20	魴
Parrotfish, —Kai Kung Yu	...	...	...	16	魴
Perch, —Tao Loo	...	...	...	15	魴
Pike, —Pa Paw Poong	...	...	...	8	花斑
Plaice, —Pan Yu	...	...	...	18	黑
Pomfret, Black, —Hak Chong	...	...	...	22	黑
Pomfret, White, —Pak Chong	...	...	...	26	白
Prawn, —Ming Ha	...	...	...	40	明
Ray, —Pai Pa Sa	...	...	...	8	石
Rock Fish, —Sek Ka Kung	...	...	...	15	石
Sardine, —Chun Yu	...	...	...	15	魚

Salmon, —Ma Yau Yu...	...	lb 32	馬友魚
Shark, —Sa Yu	...	8	鯊魚
Skate, —Po Yu	...	10	鰈魚
Shrimps, —He	...	24	蝦
Snapper, —Lap Yu	...	22	立角魚
Soles, —Tai Sa Yu	...	16	撻沙魚
Teuch, —Wau Yu	...	18	鯪魚
Turbot, —Cho How Yu	...	20	左口魚
Turtles, small, fresh water, —Kork Yu	...	56	脚魚
White Bait, —Ngau Yu Chai...	...	—	鹹魚仔
Fruits.			
Almonds, —Hung Yan	...	lb 25	杏仁
Apples (California), —Kum San Ping Kho	...	12	金生平菓
— (Chefoo), —Tin Chun Ping Kho	...	18	天津平菓
„ Small, —Hui Tong	...	—	海棠菓
„ Custard, —Fan Lai Chi...	each	—	番荔枝
Bananas, fragrant, Canton, —San Shing Heng Chiu	...	lb 3	省城香蕉
Bananas, (brides), Macao, —San Heng Chiu	...	4	風車菓
Chestnuts, Chinese, —Foong Lut	...	10	栗
Carambola, —Yung Tse	...	—	楊桃子
Coconuts, —Yeh Tse	...	each 10	椰子
Lemons, China, —Ning Moong	...	5	檸檬
„ America, —Kum San Ning Moon	...	3	金山檸檬
Lichees Dried, —Lai Chi, Small Stone	lb 22	—	荔枝乾
„ Fresh	...	—	荔枝
Limes, (Saigon), —Sai Kung Ning Moong	each 6	西貢檸檬	西貢檸檬
Mango, Manila, —Lui Sung Mong	...	—	呂宋芒果
Mangosteens, —San Chuk Tse	doz	—	山竹子
Oranges, (Canton), —San-shing Tim Ching	lb 5	省城甜橙	省城甜橙
Oranges Street	...	8	甜橙
Pears, (American), —Kam San Shoot La	...	10	金山雪梨
„ (Canton), Cooking, —Sar La	...	—	沙梨
Peanuts, —Far Sang	...	10	花生
Persimmons Large, —Hung Chie	...	—	紅柿
Pine-apples, 1st quality, —Poon Ti Paw Law	each 8	本地波羅	本地波羅
„ 2nd — Chung-taung Paw Law	...	—	中等波羅
Plantains, —Tai Cheu	...	lb 3	大蕉梨
Plums, —Swatow Hung Lai	...	—	紅梨
Pumelo, Siam, —Chim Lo Yau	each 22	暹羅柚	暹羅柚
„ Shanghai, —Lo Kwat	...	—	上海青桃
Walnuts, —Hop Tuo	...	lb 35	胡桃
„ Green, —Sang Hop Tuo	...	—	生胡桃
Water Melon, —(Am.) Kom San Sat Kwa	each	—	金山西瓜
„ „ (China) Sai Kwa	...	—	西瓜
Grapes, —Sang Po Tai Tso	...	lb	生荔枝

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Artichokes, Shanghai, —Sheung-hoi Ah Ch Chuen	lb	7	菜 治 治
Beans, (French), Macao, —Oh Moon Pin Tau,	12	10	豆 門 邊
(French, Shanghai, —Sheung Hai Pin Tau	7	10	豆 上 邊
Spreut, —Ah Choi	1	1	芽 菜
Long, —Tau Ko	1	1	豇 角
Best Root, —Hung Choi Tan	each	2	紅 菜 頭
Brinjals, Green, —Ching Yuan	1	4	青 元 茄
Red, —Hung Ker	1	4	紅 元 茄
Cabbage, Chinese, com., —Kai Choy	3	3	芥 菜
Cabbage Red, —Hung Yea Choy	1	1	紅 柳 菜
Cabbage, Shanghai, —Yeh Choi	6	1	椰 菜
Cane Shoots, bunch, —Kau Shun	lb	3	膠 笋
Cauliflower, Large size, —Tai Yeh Cho Far	each	15	大 椰 菜 花
Medium size, —Cheung Yeh Cho Far	10	10	中 椰 菜 花
Small size, —Sai Yeh Choi Far	7	7	細 椰 菜 花
Carrots, —Kam Shun	lb	5	金 芹
Celery, Chinese, —Tong Kan Choi	3	3	唐 芹
English, —Yeung	5	5	洋 芹
Chillies Dried, —Gor Lat Chi	7	10	乾 辣 椒
Red, —Hung Far	10	10	紅 辣 椒
Green, —Ching Lat Chin	10	10	青 辣 椒
Curry Stuff, English, —Kar Lee Chau Liu	8	8	加 里 材 料
Cucumbers, —Ching Kwa	2	2	青 瓜
Bitter Squash, —Fu Kwa	10	10	苦 瓜
Garlic, —Que Tau	7	7	蒜 頭
Ginger, young, —Sun Tso Keung	3	3	新 薑
old, —Lo Keung	6	6	老 薑

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Indian Corn, Suk Mai	...	each	4	洋米
Lettaee, —Young Sang Choi	...	"	1	菜生菜
Water Chesnuts, —Ma Tai	...	lb	4	馬蹄
" Mandarin, —Kwai Lum Ma Tai	...	"	6	桂林馬蹄
Mushrooms, Fresh, —Sang Cho Koo	...	"	1	生草菇
Musk Melon, Amer. —Kam-san Hong Kwa	each	"	1	金山香瓜
Okroes,	lb	8	"
Onions, Bombay, —Yeung Chong Tai	...	"	6	洋葱
" Green, —Sang Chong	...	"	4	生葱
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Papaw, 1st qual, —Tai Main Sau Kua	each	10	大萬壽果	
" 2nd " " Chung " "	...	"	10	中萬壽果
Paraley, —Kun Cho	...	"	1	芥菜
Green Peas, —Ching Tau	...	12	青豆	
Potatoes, Sweet, —Fan Shu	...	"	3	番薯
" Shanghai, —Shang-hoi Sau Tai	...	"	3	上海薯仔
" Japan, —Yut Poon Shu Tai	...	"	3	日本薯仔
" American, —Far Ki	...	"	2	花旗薯仔
" Poochow, —Fook-chow Shu Tai	...	"	2	福州薯仔
Pumpkin, —Tung Kwa	...	"	3	冬瓜
Radish, —Hong Fo Pak Tai	...	"	1	紅蘿蔔
Tilubab (Fresh), —Tai Wong	...	"	20	大黃芽
Sage, —Tao Bo	...	"	5	紫蘇
Shallots, —Oon Chung Tau	...	"	6	乾葱
Spinach, —Ym Choi	...	"	4	克菜
Tomatoes, —Ear Ker	...	"	5	番茄
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LORD KITCHENER

Appointment on Imperial
Defence Committee.

The causes which influenced the Government to place Lord Kitchener on the Committee of Imperial Defence are explained in an article in the *National Review* by "Ignotus." This article sums up the reasons which have led to a general distrust of the Committee of Imperial Defence thus:—

"The weakness of the Navy programme; the istatous policy of denuding the coast of the Mediterranean of its defences; the inefficiency of the Territorials with their obsolete armaments; the lack of horses, and then the crowning folly of the Declaration of London. The article continues:—

"Thus, look where we will, the Committee of Imperial Defence has failed to display initiative or make its will felt. . . . It is at this juncture that the Government have played their best card. Discovering that Lord Kitchener possesses in a singular degree the confidence of the nation, Ministers have placed him on the committee."

"The real question for the country is what are their motives in acting thus. . . . What if the aim is to silence Lord Kitchener and prevent his representations from reaching the country? So long as he is on the Committee of Defence, and so long as he does not record any open protest against the military policy of the Government, so long will Ministers be able to assert that they have the concurrence and support of the greatest of our military experts. "They will be able to play off a muzzled Lord Kitchener against Lord Roberts, and thus to prevent the two from fighting side by side in a campaign for the reorganisation of the British Army on the basis of universal service. Only Lord Kitchener's strength of character and patriotism can prevent such a purpose from being accomplished, supposing that it is entertained. It is hardly too much to say that he carries on his shoulders the future of the British race. For unless the Army is reorganised on modern basis; unless an armed nation stands behind a paramount Fleet, the collapse of the British Empire in a life-and-death struggle is at hand. To-day, it cannot too often be repeated, the nation has neither a modern Army nor a paramount Fleet."

SHORTAGE OF WAR STORES.

Highly-placed officers at Aldershot are once more calling official attention to the serious shortage of almost every description that exists at our military headquarters at the present time. It may be remembered that when the Aldershot command was reorganised a few years ago a definite promise was given in the House of Commons that the whole of the stores necessary to put the troops in the field on a war footing should always be maintained there. This is far from being the case, and it is asserted that not in one instance are the stores adequate for the requirements of the troops when ordered to mobilise. It is stated that there are not enough rifles and bayonets in store at the present time to equip the infantry reservists if called up. Away from Aldershot the present condition of affairs is even worse; and those best in a position to judge assert that a substantial sum will have to be provided in the estimates next March in order to put this question of reserve stores upon a thoroughly sound footing.

The London Evening Standard says:—
The option gains ground that Rubber will probably see higher prices, possibly up to 8s a lb., when the buying season is in full swing, and American consumers start replenishing their stocks on a basis more commensurate with their needs. At the same time there are people who rather take the view that a fall to 5s. or so is to be anticipated in the spring. This seems, however, to be unduly pessimistic. At all events, much depends on the extent to which the world's requirements develop and to the growth of output from the plantations in the Middle East. Unsold stocks, it is true, have accumulated somewhat during the period of depression, but this, after all, does not amount to very much, when it is remembered that supplies in consumers' hands have also run very low. The replenishment process on a rallying market will perhaps constitute one of the most important factors in the regulation of prices in the near future, and it is just a possibility that unsold stocks may be drawn upon this season to a notable extent.

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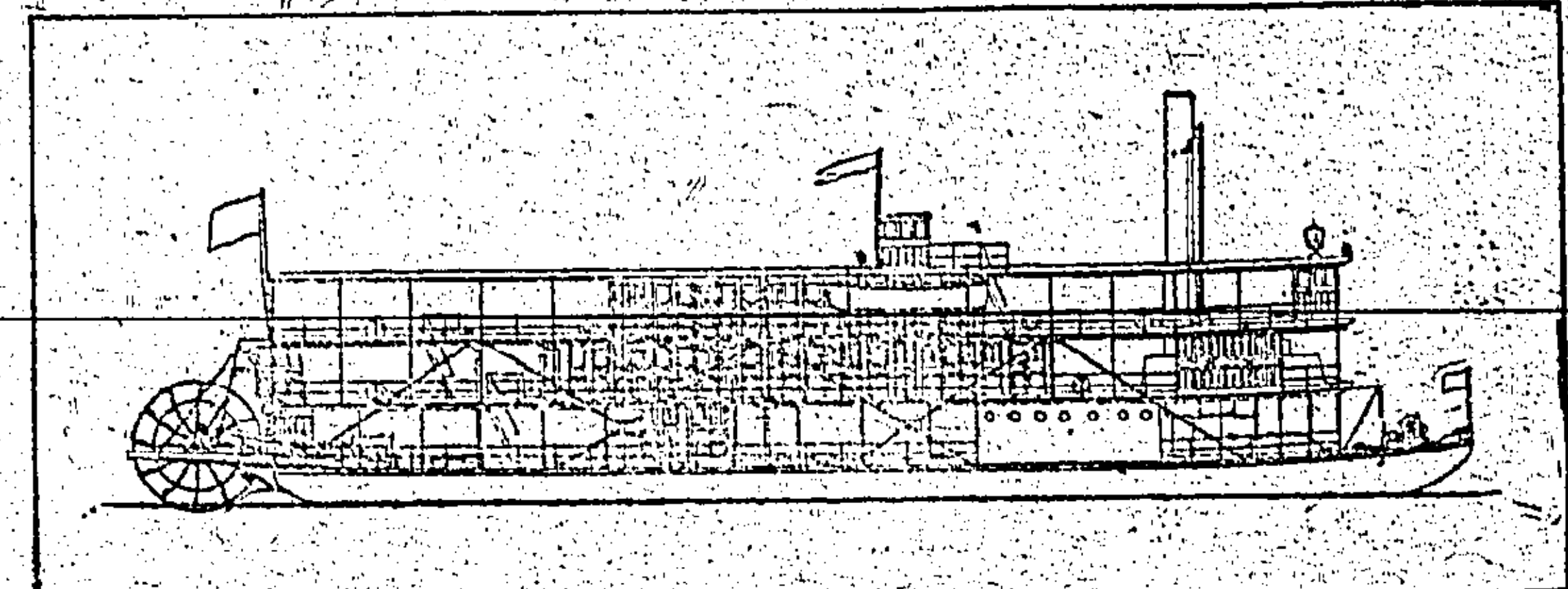
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NEW MINISTER'S STATEMENT.

H. E. Lin Yuk-lin, the new Chinese Minister to the Court of St. James, in conversation with a Reuter's representative soon after his Excellency's arrival in London from Peking, emphasised the fact that as a diplomatist he was unable to discuss the details of pending questions. Speaking fluent English, he recalled the fact that he was no stranger to England, as he formed one of the Chinese Mission at Queen Victoria's Jubilee. He was also attached to the Legation there during the Boxer troubles, and had served as Chinese Chargé d'Affaires at Brussels. On leaving Peking for London he vacated the post of Deputy Vice-President of the Chinese Foreign Office. The Minister was among the first batch of Government students sent abroad for education, and during his twenty-five years diplomatic career he has been in close touch with British communities, both as Consul-General at Singapore and also as Consul-General for South Africa. Since his departure from Pretoria he has been on the staff of the Peking Foreign Office. His Excellency is accompanied by his two daughters, who are going to an English school, and by a staff of secretaries and a number of Chinese students.

Discussing the relations of his country with Great Britain, the Minister said: "I am very glad to be back in London and to note that the best friendship still exists between our two countries. My Government realises to the full the importance of such a friendship, and I am honoured by the fact that I have been chosen as the emissary and medium for even closer relationship between us. Coming as I do from the Foreign Office, I am perfectly cognisant of the policy and ambitions of my Government in the matter of closer relations with Great Britain. We in China are undergoing great changes, and British institutions and ideas are being closely watched and studied by us. It is for this reason that so many Commissions have been despatched to England. Probably among the first tangible results of our studies will be changes in connection with our Navy, for we intend to follow—in a small way and as far as circumstances permit—the lines adopted by what we regard as the greatest naval Power in the world."

CHINESE CONSTITUTIONALISM.

Turning to the question of a Chinese Constitution, Liu Yuk-lin remarked: "The Imperial Government fully realises that a Constitution must come, but it thinks that a period of not less than three years is necessary in order to make the requisite preparations. Meanwhile the Senate is sitting and is carrying on the functions appertaining to a Parliament. There can be no doubt that the establishment of a Constitution will enhance the general prosperity of the country and consolidate the relations between the Central Government and the people."

OPUM TRAFFIC.

Regarding the opium question, the Minister said that he had been so long on the sea that he did not know what recent developments had taken place. He knew that the British Government had proposed that the annual reduction of the importation of opium into China should still continue, but he was unable to state what was the view of his Government at the present moment. "But," he added, "generally speaking, I can only say that the Chinese Government is heart and soul in favour of the suppression of the opium traffic. Already marvellous progress in this direction has been made in sixteen Provinces, although in one or two of the remoter districts this progress has not been fully maintained. We shall gladly welcome any assistance that England can offer in absolutely suppressing this traffic."

Name.	Class.	Tons.	Guns.	I.H.P.	Commanders	Last report at
Alicia	despatch-boat	1700	12	3000	Comdr. Lowndes	Hongkong
Astrea	cruiser, 2nd class	4330	10	7000	Captain E. B. Kiddle	Hongkong
Atlas	Admiralty tug	—	—	—	Master W. West	Hongkong
Bramble	river gunboat	710	2	900	Lt.-Comdr. B. G. Washington	Shanghai
Britannia	river gunboat	710	2	900	Lieut.-Comdr. E. H. Donovan	Shanghai
Cadmus	sloop	1070	6	1400	Comdr. H. Lynes	Shanghai
Cherub	water tank and tug	300	—	300	Master H. Smith	Hongkong
Clio	sloop	1070	6	1400	Comdr. H. R. Veale	Shanghai
Fame	torpedo boat destroyer	360	6	5700	—	Hongkong
Flora	cruiser, 2nd class	4330	10	7000	Capt. J. Nicholas	Shanghai
Handy	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	Lt.-Comdr. B. J. D. Guy, V.C.	Hongkong
Hart	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	Lieut.-Com. Monroe	Hongkong
Janus	torpedo boat destroyer	280	6	3900	Lieut.-Comdr. Heathcote	Hongkong
Kent	cruiser, 1st class	9000	14	25,000	Capt. S. St. John Farquhar	Hongkong
Kinsla	river gunboat	616	4	1200	Lt.-Comdr. T. J. S. Lyne	Yangtze
Merlin	sloop	1040	—	—	Capt. F. C. Learmonth	Hongkong
* Minotaur	cruiser, 1st class	14,600	—	27,000	Capt. Cayley	Singapore
Monmouth	cruiser, 1st class	9800	—	—	Capt. L. E. Power	Hongkong
Moonrhen	river gunboat	180	2	800	Lt.-Comdr. G. P. Leith	West River
Newcastle	cruiser, 2nd class	4800	—	—	Capt. G. E. P. Hunt, D.S.O.	Singapore
Nightingale	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lieut.-Com. C. H. Woodward	Yangtze
Osprey	torpedo boat destroyer	350	6	6300	Comdr. C. L. Lamb	Hongkong
Robin	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Com. G. A. G. Douglas	Hongkong
Sandpiper	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Com. E. J. J. Southby	West River
Snipe	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Comdr. J. M. Barker	Yangtze
Taku	torpedo boat destroyer	350	6	6500	Gunner E. J. Trillo	Hongkong
Tamar	receiving ship	4550	6	—	Commodore C. J. Eyres	Hongkong
Tesol	river gunboat	180	2	800	Lt.-Comdr. R. J. Buchanan	Yangtze
Thistle	river gunboat	710	2	900	Lt.-Comdr. M. B. Hamilton	Shanghai
Virago	torpedo boat destroyer	355	6	6300	Lieut.-Com. H. D. Adair-Hall	Hongkong
Whitewitch	surveying ship	620	—	450	Lt.-Comdr. Hancock	Hongkong
Whitewitch	torpedo boat destroyer	350	6	5900	Lieut.-Comdr. G. R. Hartford	Hongkong
Widgeon	river gunboat	185	2	800	Lieut.-Com. B. R. Brooke	Upper Yangtze
Woodcock	river gunboat	150	2	500	Lieut.-Com. M. H. Wilding	Upper Yangtze
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Kaiser Franz Joseph I.	Austro-Hungarian cruiser	4000	—	—	Capt. Alfred Cicoli	Hongkong
Achéron	French armoured cruiser	1830	10	1700	Lieut. Bertrand	Saigon
Alger	French cruiser	3420	22	6100	Capt. Delzon	Saigon
Alouette	French gunboat	500	7	400	Commander Badin	Saigon
Argus	French river gunboat	180	6	570	Lieut. d'Estienne	Canton
Carondelet	French gunboat	150	—	—	—	Saigon (Reserve)
Comète	French gunboat	300	6	500	Comdr. J. Gervais	Saigon
Decidée	French gunboat	445	10	1000	Lieut. de Linares	Saigon
Dupetit-Thouars †	French armoured cruiser	10,114	30	20,000	—	Saigon
Eclat	French gunboat	141	—	—	—	Saigon (Reserve)
Esturgeon	French sub-marine	—	—	—	Lieut. Combet	Saigon
Fronde	French destroyer	350	7	303	—	Saigon
Henri Riviere	French gunboat	—	—	—	—	Haiphong
Jacquin	French gunboat	300	6	308	—	Haiphong (Reserve)
Lion	French gunboat	500	—	—	—	Saigon (Reserve)
Lynx	French sub-marine	—	—	—	Lieut. Marra	Saigon
Manche	French surveying-ship	1825	10	9000	Comdr. Ragot de Toulche	Saigon
* Montcalm †	French cruiser	9700	12	19,600	Capt. Cheron	Saigon
Mousquet	French destroyer	307	6	300	Lieut. de la Roche Kernadron	Saigon
Oiry	French gunboat	—	—	—	Lieut. de Maingreville	Upper Yangtze
Paiho	French gunboat	130	—	—	Lieut. Puch	Toukoo
Pistolet	French torpedo boat	130	7	300	Comdr. Mortenot	Honguy
Protee	French sub-marine	—	—	—	Lieut. Morris	Saigon
Redoutable	French battleship (reserve)	9437	8	6071	Capt. Drouet	Saigon
Sizy	French gunboat	1798	10	1700	Lieut. Seriot	Saigon
Takung	French gunboat	—	—	—	—	Yangtze
Takou	French destroyer	220	6	—	—	Saigon (Reserve)
Vaukas	French torpedo-depot	—	—	—	—	Honguy
Veteran	French torpedo-depot	—	—	—	Lieut. Bihel	Cap St. Jacques
Vigilante	French gunboat	123	7	500	Lieut. Biscall	Hongkong
Emden	German cruiser	1800	22	13,500	Capt. Vollerthun	Tientsin
Illis	German gunboat	900	12	1300	Comdr. Meremann	Yangtze
Jaguar	German gunboat	900	12	1300	Capt. Mysing	Amoy
Lipitz	German cruiser	3250	22	11,000	Capt. Schroeder	Tientsin
Luchs	German gunboat	3900	12	1350	Comdr. Hornhardt	Hongkong
Nürnberg	German cruiser	3400	22	13,200	Capt. Tagert	Ponape
Otter	German river gunboat	—	—	—	Comdr. Jantzen	Yangtze River
Scharnhorst	German flagship	11,600	36	24,000	Capt. Kraft	Bangkok
S. 60	German torpedo-boat	400	8	6500	Capt. Lieut. Heydon	Tientsin
Taku	German torpedo-boat	280	4	6000	Lieut. Koble	Tientsin
Tiger	German gunboat	900	10	1300	Comdr. Luppe	Shanghai
Tsingtau	German river gunboat	223	4	1300	Capt. Lieut. Dolna-Schledien	Canton River
Vaterland	German river gunboat	223	4	500	Lieut. Kautler	Shanghai
Calabria	Italian cruiser	2145	—	—	Capt. Casanova	Hongkong
Macao	Portuguese gunboat	—	—	—	—	Macao
Patria	Portuguese gunboat	—	—	—	Captain Jayme Affreixo	Hongkong
Adder	U. S. submarine	—	—	—	Ensign J. M. Murray	Cavite
Albany	U. S. protected cruiser	3430	17	7000	Lieut. Clarence S. Williams	Cavite
Bainbridge	U. S. torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8000	Ensign E. S. Root	Manila
Berry	U. S. torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8000	Ensign Robt. W. Cabanis	Manila
Callao	U. S. gunboat	243	8	250	Ensign Stuart W. Cane	Hongkong
Chaunoy	U. S. torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8000	Ensign L. N. McNair	Manila
Chattanooga	U. S. protected cruiser	3100	10	4700	Comdr. John D. McDonald	Amoy
Cleveland	U. S. protected cruiser	3100	10	4700	Ensign Hugh Rodman	Cavite
Dala	U. S. torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8000	Ensign F. J. Fletcher	Cavite
Decatur	U. S. torpedo-boat destroyer	420	9	—	Ensign C. S. Graves	Cavite
Helena	U. S. gunboat	1207	18	1800	Comdr. R. O. Biler	Yangtze River
Minotaur	U. S. gunboat	170	3	—	Lieut. G. M. Baun	—
Moccasin	U. S. submarine	—	—	—	Ensign E. D. Whorter	Cavite
Mohican	U. S. station ship	1900	—	5244	Ensign Robt. V. Towse	Cavite
Monterey	U. S. monitor	4084	4	5200	Lieut. Wm. H. Toaz	Cavite
New Orleans	U. S. cruiser	3430	26	—	Comdr. William G. Miller	Manila
New York †	U. S. protected cruiser	8150	25	17,075	Comdr. Joseph L. Jayne	Cavite
Paraguay	U. S. gunboat	248	8	—	Lieut. George C. Legrand	—
Porpoise	U. S. submarine	—	—	—	Ensign J. C. Van de Carr	Cavite
Rainbow	U. S. cruiser	8206	14	—	Comdr. Charles M. Faba	Cavite
Samar	U. S. gunboat	243	8	250	Ensign N. H. Goss	Yangtze River
Shark	U. S. submarine	—	—	—	Ensign Henry M. Jensen	Cavite
Villalobos	U. S. gunboat	270	9	500	Ensign R. C. Smith	Yangtze River
Wilmington	U. S. gunboat	1207	20	1884	Comdr. W. A. Edgar	Hongkong

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must be suppressed even though it involved the Treasury in heavy loss. For the evil which it wrought was very great and the people cried aloud for its abolition. At the same time the demands made by Peking upon the provinces for funds grew greater as the list of national requirements increased in the matter of administrative expenditures, public works and the military and naval services of the Empire. So it would be seen that although they were about to lose a good deal of their revenue, Peking expected that Kwangtung's contribution to the Imperial exchequer so far from being reduced in proportion to their straitened circumstances was in fact to be increased wherever possible. In answer to the Viceroy, the Provincial Treasurer ventured the suggestion that opium might bear a heavier impost and so make up for a part of the deficiency, whereupon CHANG MING-KI remarked that he had also received very definite instructions from Peking that the use of opium must be vigorously suppressed, so that the evil might be completely uprooted from the soil of China. Therefore, if any increased revenue was to be derived from opium it could be but temporary, for if its orders were carried out faithfully this source of revenue would speedily dry up. The problem was a very difficult one. Money was urgently needed to carry on the administration of the province yet the imposition of fresh taxes to take the place of the disappearing sources of revenue would undoubtedly meet with very vigorous opposition on the part of the people who already declared that they were taxed to the limit of their capacity.

For the moment the Viceroy has sent his officials back to their work with the admonition that they must give the subject of raising funds their earnest attention and should any new idea or suggestion regarding a better way of increasing the provincial revenues strike any of them they are at liberty to communicate with him at once. Meanwhile it is known in Canton that the Viceroy has already begun upon a policy of retrenchment and administrative reform. Five high officials have been informed that their posts are abolished and many others are warned that their places are in danger. The strictest economy is to be observed and all discoverable leaks are being stopped. It is an old adage among English people, which is likewise a very true saying, that "a new broom sweeps clean," but we certainly are of opinion that H.E. CHANG MING-KI favourably prepossesses one in his favour by the straightforward methods he has adopted in the very beginning of his administration.

CONGRATULATING SIR HENRY MAY.

At a meeting of the Legislative Council fixed for Thursday next, Hon. Dr Ho Kai will move the following resolution:—That the hearty congratulations of the Members of this Council be tendered to the Honourable Sir F. Henry May, K.C.M.G., on his well merited promotion to the Governorship of the Colony of Fiji; and that a record be made and inserted in the minutes of this Council of the deep appreciation felt by the Members thereof of his long and valuable services as an Official Member, and of their regret at losing a colleague who is distinguished not only by his great ability and high character but by his constant courtesy and straightforwardness, qualities which have won for him the profound respect and admiration of the entire Council.

Preparations are being made by private individuals in New York to finance an expedition for the discovery of the South Pole. Some twenty-five young men will probably take part in the attempt. The expedition will be led by Captain Bartlett.

The English newspapers have published the outline of the Sick Leave and Invalidity Insurance Bill, which has been communicated to the Friendly Societies by Mr Lloyd George, Chancellor of the Exchequer. The Bill provides for compulsory insurance through the Friendly Societies for all workers earning less than £100 per annum, and a minimum of five shillings a week. This minimum alone is guaranteed by the State. Half the cost of this insurance will be deducted from the workers' wages, the employers and the State sharing the rest equally. The Government will supervise the accounts of the Societies.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Patrick Gallagher, who shot Mayor Gaynor, of New York, some months ago, has been sentenced to twelve years in Sing Sing.

The first reading of a Bill to amend the Lepers Ordinance of 1910 will be moved at Thursday's meeting of the Legislative Council.

The cargo of silk shipped on board the M. M. s.s. Ernest Simon, which left this port on the 6th December, was delivered in Lyons on the 7th January.

His Excellency Sir Frederick Lugard has kindly consented to present the prizes to the successful students in connection with St. Stephen's College, on Monday at noon.

It is rumoured that one of the finest residential properties in the Colony has changed hands for the price of four lakhs of dollars. The purchaser is a well-known wealthy Chinese resident.

The Overland Limited from Chicago to San Francisco has been ambushed by highwaymen near Ogden, in Utah. Two of the train officials were killed and \$2,500 was stolen.

Up to Christmas Day 262 corpses had been recovered from the Bolton mine. It is believed that over seventy more remain below. The relief funds, which have been opened, now amount to £13,000.

We are asked to state that the prize distribution in connection with the Ellis Kadoorie Chinese Schools will take place at noon on Saturday, the 14th instant—not 11 a.m. as intimated in our Saturday's issue.

The Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, Limited, report that the total output of the Company's three mines for the week ending 24th Dec. amounted to 27,059.61 tons and the sales during the period to 21,973.84 tons.

Mr William Ellis Corey has resigned the Presidency of the United States Steel Trust. This indicates that in the critical dispute between the Directors of the Trust the Chairman of the Financial Committee of the Trust, Mr. Elbert Henry Gary, has become supreme.

Telegrams have been received reporting that an earthquake, that lasted for five minutes, has occurred at Vierny, in Turkistan. It threw down houses, demolished stores and thus caused great suffering. There was at the time 32° degrees of frost there. Forty bodies have been recovered.

The Supreme Court of the United States affirms the quashing of the indictments against the editor and proprietor of the New York World for libel in connection with the Panama Canal. The libels alleged graft on the part of relatives of high officials and the action was taken by the Attorney-General at the instance of the Government.

The Daily Chronicle says that the absence of any peerages from the Honours List is a surprise, and means that the creations have been postponed until the Coronation, or reserved for an emergency when wholesale creations would be necessary. The Government, the Daily Chronicle declares, will not oppose every amendment to the Parliament Bill, but it must pass substantially unaltered.

We regret to announce the death of Mr Andrew Augustus Cassar, of Portsmouth, which and event took place at the Government Civil Hospital to-day, at the age of 51. Deceased was employed at the Naval Yard and was an old resident of Hongkong having resided here for about 25 years. The funeral will pass the Monument at 9.15 to-morrow morning.

There was a large attendance of guests at the Tung Tan Chinese Restaurant last night at a dinner given by Mr Li Hong Mei in honour of the marriage of his son, Mr Li Kwok Ming. Amongst those present were a number of members of the local Bar and their ladies, as well as numerous others who had been associated with the host in his work as Chief Interpreter at the Supreme Court over a long period of years. The banquet was served in Chinese fashion, and a number of congratulatory speeches were delivered. The band of the 13th Rajputs played the proceedings.

The opening of the new building of the Shanghai Club by Sir Polham Warren on January 8 was a very great event in local life. Over 500 members were present at the ceremony. The Shanghai Mercury gives five columns of space to describing the building—built after the English Renaissance style—and the speeches delivered at its opening. One paragraph we must quote:—In these days Shanghai has a reputation to maintain in architecture, and without a shadow of exaggeration it may well be said that this latest structure surpasses that of any. The settlement is in truth a city of fine buildings, thanks to the enterprise of recent years and among the many handsome and grand edifices it can show, it will be difficult to find one to surpass the new Club.

THE RECENT FATAL FIRE.

Death Enquiry.

This afternoon, at the Magistrate's enquiry was held before Mr E. R. Hallifax, as Coroner, and Messrs A. C. Polley, F. M. Xavier and A. A. Gutierrez, as jurors, into the circumstances connected with the death of nine people who lost their lives in a fire which occurred at 206 Queen's Road East on January 3rd.

His Worship explained to the jurors that very early in the proceedings there was an explosion of some crackers which were in the house. This explosion destroyed the staircase and cut off the retreat of anybody on the upper floors. The result was that these nine people (women and children all) were unable to get away. They dared not jump, as two other men had done from a higher storey, and were killed—asphyxiated as the doctor's evidence would show. It would be for the jury to say whether anybody was originally to blame for the deaths or not.

Mr J. W. White, of the Public Works Department, produced plans of the premises. The master of a piece goods shop formerly situated on the ground floor of the burnt premises deposed that the fire occurred on a Festival day. The goods in his shop were insured in a sum of \$2,000. The crackers were left in the shop by a man named Kuei Kee, who formerly occupied a portion of the shop, but who had now ceased business.

His Worship—Why did he leave these goods with you?

Witness—He owed me house rent and money for provisions.

You seized these crackers by way of distress?—He left them with me and I reported the matter to the police.

How many crackers?—Two bundles.

How many in a bundle?—Ten thousand.

Witness added that he intended to hold the crackers until such time as Kuei Kee came back to pay his rent. The crackers were stored on a shelf situate between the kitchen and the shop.

By the jury—Was there a fire in the fireplace?

Witness—I didn't see any.

His Worship—But you were having a festive feast and all that sort of thing that night?

Witness—Yes.

Replying to his Worship, witness said his family house was situated above the shop, and others lived there as well. Altogether there were 13 or 14 people residing there, but at the time of the fire there were only eleven on the premises. Two men escaped by jumping, and witness on the following morning identified the bodies of the other nine at the Mortuary, including his wife, his infant daughter and his mother-in-law. Four of the others were children and the remaining two women.

Did you do anything to try and save these people on the upper floor? I didn't do anything; I was nearly suffocated by the smoke.

The jury pointed out that there was a wooden partition on the first floor between Nos. 206 and 208, and enquired whether or not this could have been broken down.

His Worship reminded the jurors that many of those killed were children.

Witness stated that the partition was not a strong one.

His Worship—Could a woman have broken it down?

Witness—With great force.

The next witness was a "substitute" cook who was engaged in cooking the meal on the premises on the night of the fire. He stated that the fire was left burning very low when he went to have his meal outside the shop. While there he heard the roaring of a fire and then he ran away. He saw the smoke before he heard the crackers explode. At first he tried to get some water to put the fire out but could not get to the kitchen.

His Worship—You wanted to get water that's all you mean?

Witness—Yes.

His Worship—And then you ran outside?

Witness—I did.

Further evidence was called, including that given by Dr Macfarlane, who stated that he made a post-mortem examination of the nine bodies—all females. Some of the bodies were much burned, but so far as he could make out, death was due in all cases to asphyxiation.

Inspector Kerr was called, and he stated that since the fire he had examined the premises. The crackers were stored about five feet away from the fire, and there was a brick partition between them.

His Worship—Have you ever seen crackers stored in this way before?

Witness—No.

Would you consider it dangerous?—That I couldn't say. Of course, the heat from the fire might set off the gunpowder.

Would they be allowed to be stored in this way?—They are not supposed to be; they are supposed to be kept under a glass case.

Lance Corp. Taylor, R.A.M.C., gave evidence as to seeing the fire. He was passing in front of the shop when he heard a lot of crackers exploding. Later he saw smoke issuing from the building and the people rushing out. A few seconds afterwards the whole shop burst into flames.

His Worship informed the jury that there was no regulation which made it an offence to keep crackers in a shop unless they were for sale. If they were for sale they had to be kept under certain conditions, such as within a glass case. Otherwise there was nothing illegal at all in having the crackers in the shop provided they were kept in a position which could not reasonably be called dangerous. It was for them to say whether the fire originated with the crackers or whether it was caused by the death of the children.

The jury returned a verdict of "accidental death," and intimated that they could not give an opinion as to whether or not the crackers caused the fire.

SHANGHAI RUBBER SENSATION.

MUNICIPAL COUNCILLOR CHARGED WITH FRAUD.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, December 10.

Mr H. J. Craig, a member of the Municipal Council, and managing director of the firm of Craig and Company, was charged at the Police Court to-day with fraud in connection with the Siak Indrapoera Rubber Concession, Ltd., and was remanded.

S.S. PHU YEN DAMAGED.

As the s.s. Phu Yen was coming to Hongkong from Hongay she struck the rocks at Caido Halong and received such damage as will necessitate her being docked. The vessel arrived at Hongkong to-day.

THE JAPANESE SQUADRON.

Arrival To-day.

This morning the cruiser Akitsushima of the Japanese South China squadron, under the command of Rear Admiral Kawashima, arrived in Hongkong and saluted the port. The flagship Tashima is expected to-morrow and on Thursday the cruiser Uji is due to arrive in Hongkong.

These are the biggest ships of the Japanese navy at present in South China, the Tashima being of 3,355 tons displacement, 235 feet long, with a beam of 44 feet, and a draught of 16½ feet. Her indicated horse power is 10,000. She was built at Kure in 1902 and her armament consists of six 6" guns, ten 3" and four 2½ pounders. The ship has a speed of 20 knots. The Akitsushima is 3,160 tons displacement, with a length of 320 feet, a beam of 42½ feet, and a draught of 18½ feet. Her indicated horse power is 8,400, and she was built at Yokosuka in 1892. She has a complement of 330 men. The Uji is only 620 tons displacement. She was also built at Kure in 1903.

Should the flagship arrive in the morning it is expected that the landing of the Admiral will take place to-morrow afternoon.

ACCIDENT TO MR W. REES DAVIES.

We are requested by the Attorney General, Mr Rees Davies, to state that the report appearing in the South China Morning Post of this morning in regard to his accident yesterday, that the pony shied and threw him, is incorrect, as is also the statement that he was picked up in a "semi-conscious condition."

The fact is the pony, while cantering, crossed his legs and fell and Mr Rees Davies, who was never at all unconscious, proceeded to the Golf Club and afterwards to his rooms entirely unaided.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The news is to hand of the death of Senator Elkins, of West Virginia.

H. M. S. Virago is now under command of Lieut.-Commander Harold D. Adair-Hall.

Senator Hale of Maine, one of the dominating Republican figures in the late Senate, is to be replaced by a Democrat, Mr A. V. Johnson.

The Yokohama Office of the C. P. R. is in receipt of a wireless message from the R. M. S. Empress of India, sent on the 8th instant at 11.00 p.m., when the vessel was 1,240 miles distant from Japan. The Commander advises that all is well and that he expects to reach Yokohama on the 12th instant at noon.

BEGIN TREATMENT AT ONCE.

HAVE you a weak throat? If so, you cannot be too careful. You cannot begin treatment too early. Each cold makes you more liable to another and the last is always the hardest to cure. If you will take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy at the outset you will be saved much trouble. For sales by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

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A few minutes delay in treating some cases of croup, even the length of time it takes to go for a doctor, often proves dangerous. The safest way is to keep Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in the house, and at the first indication of croup give the child a dose. Pleasant to take and always cures. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

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THE BAGDAD RAILWAY.

EUROPEAN BALANCE UNDISTURBED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, January 10.

The Times Paris correspondent says that since the return of M. Sazonoff, Great Britain and France have been kept fully informed of the state of Russo-German negotiations regarding the future of the Bagdad and North Persian railways, therefore it is made clear that the present Russo-German pourparlers have nothing to do with the European balance of power or Russian's relations with France or Great Britain.

PARLIAMENTARY ADVOCATE ARRESTED.

(Wah Tei Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, January 9.

An advocate for the early establishment of a parliament has been arrested by the police in Tientsin and sent to the Civil Board.

PRINCE CHING'S SICK LEAVE.

(Wah Tei Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, January 9.

Prince Ching has decided to conclude his sick leave after the closing of the Senate.

GERMANY'S AGREEMENT WITH RUSSIA.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, January 9.

The Daily Telegraph considers the Russo-German Agreement may be regarded as a guide to the shape which an Anglo-German Agreement might take.

CLAIM FOR WORK DONE AND MATERIALS SUPPLIED.

Counsel Describes Counterclaim as Imaginary.

Before the Chief Justice Sir Francis Pigott, at the Supreme Court this morning, John Lomax sued Chan Kam to recover \$3,303.28 balance due for work done and materials supplied and rent due by defendant to plaintiff. There was also a counterclaim for \$4,847.75 money due for work done and materials supplied and money expended by plaintiffs for and on behalf of and at the request of defendant.

Mr. M. W. Slade, K. C., appeared for plaintiff, instructed by Mr. J. H. Gardiner and Mr. G. O. Alabaster defended instructed by Mr. Hung.

Mr. Alabaster said he desired to make an application that certain paragraphs in the statement of claim be struck out on the ground that they were vexatious, embarrassing and unnecessary as they disclosed no cause of action.

Mr. Slade—We had better open the pleadings first.

Mr. Slade then read the statement of claim and the statement of defence as well as the counterclaim.

Mr. Alabaster then said he wished to have struck out paragraphs 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 of the statement of claim.

His Lordship—You have admitted 3 and 4.

Mr. Alabaster—I have admitted what is said therein to be true but this is a demurrer. Assuming that they can prove every word that they say in all six paragraphs these paragraphs disclose no cause of action and therefore they are unnecessary and immaterial as they will occupy a considerable amount of time and there will be a great deal of dispute about them that would tend to prejudice, embarrass and delay the fair trial of the action.

His Lordship—That is at the trial.

Mr. Alabaster—At any time if the claim discloses no cause of action on the face of it.

His Lordship—You move to strike them out?

Mr. Alabaster—Yes.

His Lordship—If it is a question of law you are bound to move it on the pleadings.

Mr. Alabaster—I may move at any time to say that it is a waste of time of the Court. If I could have disposed of the whole of the statement of claim with a summons I would have taken out a summons in order to save the costs but as there are other claims alleged I therefore cannot save the costs. Plaintiff is trying to enforce a claim which claiming by his administrator, he being dead, dare not force against defendant. Plaintiff said that defendant had not performed his contract with Chan He Wan, deceased.

His Lordship—I am of the opinion that there is an implied contract in the paragraphs.

Mr. Slade, in opening the case, said that Chan He Wan was formerly superintendent of the China Merchants Co., was reputed to be a very rich man and he conceived the idea of building a hotel to be called the Station Hotel in Kowloon in 1904 in anticipation of the railway which was then shortly to be completed. (Laughter.) He seemed to have repeated of having entered into the contract with defendant and he cancelled the order for the elaborate portion of the hotel and gave orders for a house to be erected on the same site and to make it suitable for a less elaborate hotel. It was continued to be called the Station Hotel and defendant commenced to work there, on January 23, of the following year. Chan He Wan died, whether he committed suicide or whether he died from an accidental fall from a verandah must be left to the imagination. But before he died he mortgaged the property heavily to a man named Wong Kam Pat who was a surety for Chan Kam for \$40,000. After his death defendant ceased work on the Station Hotel, being exceedingly doubtful of getting any money. The first mortgagee took possession and an arrangement was come to between the mortgagee and defendant whereby the second mortgage was to be transferred. On receipt of the receipts of that mortgage defendant continued the work and finally it was more or less completed to the satisfaction of the mortgagee in possession. The property was taken into use and was inhabited. In 1909 the first mortgagee sold under his power of sale and obtained \$40,000 for the property, which left a margin of \$14,000 which was to pay Chan Kam, \$8,000 being his price. Defendant was to obtain materials, iron work, etc., from plaintiff and there was power given to order execution under the contract. It being found that the materials were not sufficient, heavy beams were supplied in the course of the carrying out of the work. The joints were in due course supplied by plaintiff to defendant and defendant until that action had commenced had never contested his liability to pay. They were delivered to him and the price was given him and he had to pay for the joints then as he had to pay for the bricks and mortar which had been used in the construction of the building. The reason why the claim was not made against him was on account of the involvement of Chan He Wan and plaintiff very fairly let the matter run on until he had received payment under the mortgage. Until he got the cash he was willing to let the matter stand. This was the reason of the delay. When Chan He Wan died defendant employed plaintiff to get out an account then due and owing under the contract and he did so making the amount \$13,000. \$5,000 of which plaintiff was not paid. The iron work was on much the same footing. They were ordered by the terms of the contract,

defendant having to get the necessary iron work from plaintiff. Plaintiff supplied about 700 pieces. Some 125 pieces had been returned, but whether they were of the 700 lot or not he could not say.

His Lordship—This is a case which will have to be referred to a referee.

Mr. Slade—I think your lordship will have to refer portions of it to a referee. The liabilities of your lordship to settle.

His Lordship—If there are any certain-ly will.

Continuing Mr. Slade said that the details of the work would have to be referred to a referee and he did not think there would be much difficulty. With regard to the rent of Kowloon Lot No 5 defendant was carrying on work not only at the Station Hotel but also building a number of houses for a Mr. Patel on the adjoining lot. There were three European houses and for the execution of the work he required a vacant piece of ground for his workmen and for store materials, etc. There was no room at the Station Hotel and he endeavored to find room in the neighborhood but was turned off three places he believed. Finally he put them on plaintiff's land and he was charged a rent of ten percent of the value of the ground making a rent of \$60 a month. There was some verbal arrangement made as to the amount he was to pay and defendant was subsequently told by letter what rent he had to pay. Defendant occupied the ground and built materials thereon.

A year earlier than the contract for the Station Hotel plaintiff had made a contract with defendant to build two houses at Kowloon. That was in June and the houses were to be finished by December 31. In August the foundations had not even been laid nor the trenches made and he was getting on slowly with the work that it became impossible for him to carry out the work in time, and Mr. Lomax told him to stop. It was arranged that plaintiff should pay for what work had been commenced. The land for which he was charged rent was the very land on which it has been intended that the houses should be built and that was where he had erected the material and for which he was charged \$50 a month. Some time after defendant erected a bamboo fence around the place. As regards the claim of \$300 for getting out the account it had never been challenged from the day it was sent in until that day. It had been admitted and defendant had promised to pay and again asked for further time. Plaintiff had been very lenient. He thought his Lordship would be perfectly satisfied that defendant's counterclaim was an imaginary claim set up for the purposes of that case. The work never had been above the ground yet he was claiming \$3,000 in respect of it.

The hearing was adjourned.

CORRESPONDENCE.

SAILORS & SOLDIERS' HOME.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir—Your readers will probably have noticed the advertisement of, as well as the kindly reference made in your paper to, the Grand Variety Entertainment in aid of the Sailors and Soldiers' Home, Arsenal Street, which has been arranged for Wednesday, the 11th inst, at 8 o'clock. There can be no doubt but that the entertainment will be attractive in itself; everybody knows that the object in view is a worthy one. It may not however be generally known that this entertainment is being arranged by Sir Henry and Lady May. They, knowing the work done at the Home, have been very staunch friends of this institution from the date of its opening. The organization of this entertainment will be their last effort for the welfare of the public institutions of Hongkong. We are justified in saying that they are hoping for a good attendance in order that the Home may be assisted. As we have known Sir Henry and Lady May for many years, I venture to suggest that the community of Hongkong show its appreciation of their efforts by attending this entertainment in large numbers, that this, their last public act, may be a conspicuous success.

I am yours, etc.,

WELL WISHER.

REPUBLICAN DEALINGS.

WITH THE LIVING AND THE DEAD.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir—Scarcely four months have elapsed since Portugal proclaimed a Republic and yet nothing in the shape of ameliorating the conditions of the country has so far been made, except a rigid attack upon the living and the dead.

The machinations against the living will perhaps be lasting, as long as their ambitions are not satisfied; but with regard to the dead they were completely defeated, for the mercenary attempt at removing the mortal remains of the defunct monarchs and the Royal families from the Pantheon into the public cemetery, was immediately checked by the British Minister at Lisbon, who claimed from the Provisional Government those sacred remains to be conveyed to England, as being related to the British Royal Family. Thereupon the attempt fell through. Separatist aims, non fulgure!

Yours etc.,

"CASTRATUS."

A REMEDY FOR CROUP THAT IS ABSOLUTELY SAFE.

CROUP is the most prevalent during the dry cold weather of the early winter months. Parents of young children should be prepared for it. All that is needed is a little of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Many mothers are never without it in their homes. It is not only a safe and harmless medicine but the best in use for croup, whooping cough and croup. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

CLAIM FOR DAMAGE DONE.

The case was continued before Mr Justice Hazland, at the Supreme Court this morning, in which J. T. Shaw sued the Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd., to recover \$70.50, being damages for injuries to a fan to a suit of clothes and a jacket caused through or by the negligence of defendants or their servants in knocking over a fan standing in plaintiff's shop on July 18, 1910, at 11.45 a.m. or thereabouts in the forenoon. In the alternative plaintiff claimed \$70.50 being damages for trespass by defendants or their servants at the place and time aforementioned.

Mr. Reader Harris appeared for plaintiff and Mr. Jackson defended.

After further evidence had been heard his Lordship reserved his decision.

THE VARIETY CONCERT.

The Chinese theatricals in connection with the grand variety entertainment which is to be given at the City Hall on Wednesday night in aid of the Soldiers and Sailors Home, under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency Sir Frederick and Lady Lugard, His Excellency Major General C. A. Anderson and Commodore C. J. Fyres, R. N., are to be run on European lines and will be the first of its kind to appear in the Theatre Royal. The piece is entitled "The broken doll" and is a comedy in two acts.

The synopsis of the play is as follows:—

Act I.—Liu Tzu-hui, a wealthy man, purchases an earthenware doll for his child who accidentally breaks it. A maid next morning, having missed the scavenging coolies, supplies the contents of the dustbin, among which are the broken doll and a dead hen, beside a sleeping rascal and a vagabond named Mau Suk who is in the habit of sleeping in the open space in the rear of Liu's house. Ping Ko, a brother-rascal, steals the dead hen from Mau Suk. Mau Suk sticks the pieces of the doll together, places it in the middle of the road in order to get some passers-by to knock it down so that he can claim a heavy compensation for breaking his "valuable curio." One of Liu's two sons on their way to school accidentally runs over the patched-up doll. An altercation ensues between Mau Suk and the maid accompanying the boys. Mau Suk blows his whistle, and two policemen take the party away. Act II.—While Mrs. Liu, the boy's mother, is about to pay a sum of money to Mau Suk as compensation, Liu comes home, recognises his own broken doll, and drives away Mau Suk. Shortly afterwards Mau Suk sneaks into the house again, steals some wine, gets drunk, and is discovered, tied up and removed.

There will also be music by a Chinese string band by amateur performers and in addition a grand naval display will be given by seamen who have volunteered their services from H.M.S. Monmouth.

The entertainment is sure to be of an excellent character, and as Sir Henry and Lady May are closely identified with the arranging of the programme the concert is sure to be a great success.

OPIUM PROSECUTIONS.

Yesterday Chief Excise Officer Hoggarth caught a Chinaman selling prepared opium in Black Gardens, and on examination it was found that the stuff was lab led in imitation of the Opium Farmer's mark.

The man was arrested, and at the Magistrate's day Mr. E. R. Hallifax fined him \$250, or two months' hard labour, for selling the drug, and committed him to goal for four months, without the option of a fine for imitating the Opium Farmer's trade description.

A youth was caught selling drools opium in a shop at Kowloon City, and to-day Mr. E. R. Hallifax ordered him to pay a fine of \$50 or go to prison for six weeks.

THE WATER SUPPLY.

Level and Storage of Water in Reservoirs on the 1st January, 1911.

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS.

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SPORTING.

Laque Cricket.

To-morrow the R. E. Cricket Club meet the representatives of the K. O. Y. L. I. on the military ground.

Football.

LUSITANO CLUB COMPETITION.

The final of the Lusitano Recreation Club's competition is to be played at Carveryn Bay on Wednesday, commencing at 5 p.m. The teams are as follows:—

CAVEY'S TEAM—Goal, L. E. Remedios; backs, E. Leitao, A. H. Hyndman; half-backs, R. Maher, F. M. da Cruz, A. F. Baptista; forwards, C. M. Sequeira, H. A. Hyndman, J. V. Braga, H. A. Castro, M. Leitao.

RIBRINO'S TEAM—F. M. Guterres; J. C. Barretto, R. C. da Silva; A. A. Botelho, A. J. V. Ribeiro, F. X. Soares; A. C. V. Ribeiro, P. A. Yanovich, R. L. Braga, D. Baptista, R. da Luz, Referee: J. O. Remedios, Line-upman: J. M. Brito and L. G. Carreira.

Billiards.

CONTEST AT THE GRAND HOTEL.

On Monday evening the handicaps and draws in connection with the Grand Hotel billiard tournament were arranged at the hotel. The handicaps are as follows:—

Mr. Bush owes 250, Mr. Martin owes 225, Mr. Pile owes 100, Mr. Bishop owes 100, Mr. McLennan owes 100, Mr. Raiton owes 110, Mr. Gipsan owes 110, Mr. Bolden owes 100, Mr. Pond owes 85, Mr. T. Chee owes 85, Mr. Irving owes 85, Mr. Hamilton owes 85, Mr. Thornhill owes 85, Mr. Phillips owes 85, Mr. Bell owes 85, Mr. Hope owes 75, Mr. Quinn owes 75, Mr. Allen owes 75, Mr. Scriven owes 60, Mr. Kewward owes 60, Mr. Maxfield owes 60, Mr. J. Taylor owes 60, Mr. Ivor owes 50, Mr. G. Taylor owes 50, Mr. Percy owes 50, Mr. Helm owes 50.

The result of the drawing was as follows:—

Mr. Scriven v. Mr. Gipsan; Mr. Kewward v. Mr. Bond; Mr. Chee v. Mr. McLennan; Mr. Maxfield v. Mr. Irving; Mr. Helm v. Mr. J. Taylor; Mr. Hamilton v. Mr. Thornhill; Mr. Hope v. Mr. Bolden; Mr. Percy v. Mr. Quinn; Mr. Phillips v. Mr. Bell; Mr. Allen v. Mr. Eslen; Mr. G. Taylor v. Mr. Ivor; Mr. Cooper v. Mr. Melvin.

Messrs. Pile, Bishop, Raiton and Bell have byes. The first round will be played between Messrs. Scriven and Gipsan on Friday night at 8.45. On Saturday, the 10th, Messrs. Kewward and Bond will play off and on Monday the table will be occupied by Messrs. T. Chee and McLennan.

The tournament will be played with a new set of Crystalite balls, play to commence at 8.45 p.m. each night. The first match takes place on Friday night. There is ample accommodation for spectators.

Royal Hongkong Yacht Club.

REGATTA PROGRAMME.

The following are the Rowing Events for the Regatta to be held at the Yacht Club on Saturday, the 21st January, 1911.

JUNIOR FOUR—Open to Members and Subscribers of the R.H.K.Y.C. who have not rowed in a Senior Race. The Rowing Committee will appoint "Strokes" who will draw their Crews from the other entrants.

Entrance Fee 85, per Crew. Distance three-quarters of a mile.

INTER-CITY AND SERVICE OR PROFESSIONAL FOUR—Open to Crews representing any properly constituted Club, Service, Profession or any combination which may be approved of by the Rowing Committee.

Entrance Fee 85, per Crew. Distance one mile and a quarter. Crews presented by C. A. Tomes, Esq.

THE "EVO" CHALLENGE CUP FOR "HONG" FOUR—Open to Crews drawn entirely from the Staff of any Firm or Government Department in the Colony (each Competitor must be a Member or Subscriber of the R.H.K.Y.C.)

Entrance Fee 85, per Crew. Distance one mile.

Cup presented by the Hon. Mr. Henry Keswick (Commodore).

INTER-CITY PAIRS—Open to Pairs representing the Canton Rowing Club, Corinthian Yacht Club, Victoria Recreation Club and Royal Hongkong Yacht Club.

Entrance Fee 85, per Crew. Distance three-quarters of a mile.

Cups presented by H. W. Kennett Esq.

SENIOR FOUR—Open to Members and Subscribers of the R.H.K.Y.C. The Rowing Committee will select "Strokes" who will draw their Crews from the other entrants.

Entrance Fee 85, per Crew. Distance one mile.

WALLS BOATS (MILITARY CREWS)—Entrance Fee 82 per Crew. Distance one mile.

SIX-OARS—OPEN (NAVY CREWS)—Entrance Fee 82 per Crew. Distance one mile.

Scratch race will be arranged if time permits.

A swimming concert will be held in the St. Andrew's Hall, City Hall, in the evening when the Hon. Mr. Henry Keswick, the Commodore of the Club, will take the chair.

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Two Impostors and Tinker, by Dorothy Conyers.

To-day and Love, by Maud Yarely. The Roof Fall in, by Frank Dunt.

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